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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN-GOZ RELATIONS: TRANSMITTAL OF MOBUTU LETTER TO NETO

REF: A) KINSHASA 1883 B) KINSHASA 1914

1. FOLLOWING ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE BREAK IN CLOUDS IN ANGOLAN-
ZAIRIAN RELATIONS WITH SIMPLE PRA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAVING RE-
CEIVED GOZ LETTER OF RECOGNITION (REF A), DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SEELYE RAISED ISSUE WITH MOBUTU DURING MEETING, MARCH 5 (REF B).
AS INDICATED REF B, MOBUTU IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATI
ONS

WITH THE PRA. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE TOLD ACTING FOMIN LOMBO,
WHO WAS ALSO AT MEETING, TO GIVE AMBASSADOR COPY
OF LETTER OF RECOGNITION TRANSMITTED TO PRA PRESIDENT NETO THROUGH
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THE GOOD OFFICES OF NGOUABI. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
FULL TEXT GIVEN US;

2. BEGIN:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND BROTHER:

I RECEIVED WITH GREAT SURPRISE YOUR DIFFERENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING
THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF YOUR COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

OF ANGOLA, BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE.

GREAT WAS MY ASTONISHMENT TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE CONVINCED THERE EXISTS ON THE TERRITORY OF MY COUNTRY SUBVERSIVE MILITARY BASES DIRECTED AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE PRA.

REGARDING RECOGNITION OF YOUR LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, AN OFFICIAL AND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN. IN ADDITION, THE SECRETARIATS OF THE UN AND THE OAU HAVE BEEN REGULARLY INFORMED OF THIS DECISION.

WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING ANY AMBIGUITY ON THIS SUBJECT, I FIND MYSELF OBLIGED TO ONCE AGAIN PERSONALLY DECLARE TO YOU THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE PRA BY THE GOZ.

IN SO DOING I HAVE ASKED MAJOR MARIEN NGOUABI, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOTLES REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, TO TRANSMIT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU, WHO ARE RECEIVING COPIES, ARE ALSO INFORMED OF THE PREVIOUSLY CITED MESSAGE.

WITH REGARD TO THE PRESUMED SUBVERSIVE BASES IN ZAIRIAN TERRITORY, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT SINCE 24 JUNE, 1976, ALL ANGOLANS LIVING IN ZAIRE AND HAVING BELONGED TO THE FNLA HAVE BEEN DISARMED ON MY INSTRUCTIONS BY ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES. THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH RESPECT TO THE EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES WHO ARE IN THE SERVICE OF THE MPLA. WE HAVE ALSO WARNED ALL THOSE WHO MAY SEEK TO ESCAPE
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FROM OUR VIGILANCE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS DECISION.

IN ORDER TO LEND CREDENCE TO MY REMARKS, ZAIRE STANDS READY TO WELCOME A SUPERVISORY MISSION COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN AND THE OAU.

MY COUNTRY, WHICH HAS SUFFERED SO MUCH FROM INTERNAL STRUGGLE AND EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE, CANNOT SUPPORT A POLICY AIMED AT UNDERMINING PUBLIC ORDER IN ANOTHER STATE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE THE REFUSAL OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT ANGOLAN REFUGEES COMING FROM ZAIRE, MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS REFUGEE PROBLEMS, THE SOLUTION OF WHICH WILL DEPEND ON THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN ADDITION, CERTAIN UNCONTROLLED ELEMENTS LIVING ALONG THE COMMON BORDER OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, UNHAPPY WITH THE NEW ZAIRIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE PRA, COULD CERTAINLY SEEK TO PROFIT FROM THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO SOW CONFUSION WHICH WOULD

FURTHER AGGRAVATE THE REFUGEE PROBLEM.

I AM CONVINCED, MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR BROTHER, THAT OUR TWO
PEOPLES, UNITED BY BLOOD TIES, ARE A PLEDGE FOR BETTER COOPERA-
TION BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES.

IT IS WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THAT ZAIRE WISHES TO ESTABLISH AND
DEVELOP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SISTER REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.

SINCERELY, MOBUTU" END.

3. FRENCH TEXT BEING POUCHED AF/C.

4. WE NOTE IN FBIS THAT, SINCE THE SENDING OF THE FOREGOING LETTER,
PRA POLITBURO SECRETARY LUCIO LARA HAS REJECTED, OVER THE WEEKEND,
MOBUTU'S OFFER TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND HIS
DENIAL OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS COMING FROM ZAIRE. IN ADDITION
HE REITERATED CHARGES THAT A COBRA 77 OPERATION WAS BEING PRE-
PARED FROM ZAIRE.

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